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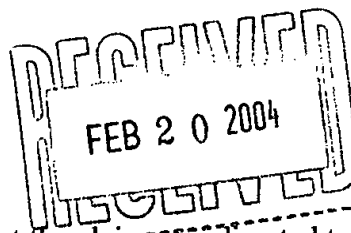
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 11, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

REMARKS



Claims 80-92 are pending. The Examiner alleges that the claims are directed to two distinct and independent inventions as follows:

- Group I: Claims 80-84, directed to a grafted antibody or functional fragment thereof having a specified association rate constant (k_{on}); and
- Group II: Claims 85-92, directed to a method of making an enhanced antibody or functional fragment thereof.

The Office Action is requiring restriction to a single disclosed invention under 35 U.S.C. §121. Applicant traverses the Restriction Requirement for the reasons stated below.